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SUBJ: PROPERTY PROTECTION: STEPHEN C. ROWE

REF: STATE 21217 BARCELONA 0071

1. CONSULAR OFFICER TRAVELED TO MALLORCA TO CONSULT WITH
SPANISH NAVAL AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY STATUS
OF TRIMARAN BELONGING TO STEPHEN C. ROWE.

2. BASED ON CONVERSATION, POST HAS SUBMITTED LETTER
COVERING FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) THAT DOCUMENTS FOUND IN
TRIMARAN, WHICH INCLUDES BILL OF SALE, ESTABLISH VESSEL
AS BELONGING TO STEPHEN C. ROWE, (2) THAT ROWE BELIEVED
LOST AT SEA, (3) THAT ROWE BELIEVED SINGLE WITH PARENTS
ONLY LEGAL HEIRS, AND (4) THAT PARENTS, AS NOK, SUBMITTING
NOTARIZED STATEMENT REGARDING RELATIONSHIP AND ENTITLEMENT
TO ESTATE AS LEGAL HEIRS.

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3. ONE POINT FOUR ABOGETAF BEEN CLARIFIES TRIMARAN WILL
BE TURNED OVER TO PERSON NAMED AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.
ALTHOUGH NO SALVAGE COMPANY AS SUCH EXISTS, IT BELIEVED
LEGAL REP WOULD NOT ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY WITH DISPOSAL.
VESSEL HAS BEEN APPRAISED AT 300 THOUSAND PESETAS (ABOUT
DOLLARS 3,700.00).

4. DOCUMENTS FOUND ABOARD BEING RETAINED BY AUTHORITIES
UNTIL FINAL RESOLUTION OF CASE, WITH EXCEPTION OF WHAT
APPEARS TO BE ADDRESS BOOK. THIS, AS WELL AS PHOTOCOPIES OF
BILL OF SALE AND INSURANCE DOCUMENT BEING SENT DIRECTLY
TO NOK

5. AS REQUESTED POST HAS CHECKED WITH CLUB REAL NAUTICO
IN PALMA DE MALLORCA AND IBIZA BUT NO RECORD THAT MAIL
RECEIVED FOR ROWE AT EITHER PLACE. IN ADDITION POST HAD
ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY ISLAND POLICE THAT ROWE NEVER
CHECKED INTO PUBLIC ACCOMODATION.

6. FINAL POINT BEING STUDIED BY AUTHORITIES IS WHETHER
PERSON WHO FIRST SIGHTED CRAFT DRIFTING OFF COAST OF
MALLORCA IS ENTITLED TO ONE THIRD OF VALUE AS PRESCRIBED
BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. ALTHOUGH POST DOES NOT BELIEVE LAW
APPLICABLE, NAVAL AUTHORITIES INSISTBDLGSD TO HIGHER AUTHORITY IN
CARTAGENA ON MAINLAND AND THEY WILL ADVISE. HOWEVER, NONE
OF THIS PRECLUDES PROCEEDING AS STATED PARA 3.

7. AS THERE DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ROWE SURVIVED, POST WILL
PREPARE FORM 180 AS PRESCRIBED IN 7 FAM 441.5. SINN
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